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REMARKS

Claims 1-42 were previously pending in the Application. In the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2006, the Examiner objected to Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 and rejected Claims 1-2, 6-19, 22-23, and 27-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Privacy in an identity-based DRM system" by Conrado et al. ("Conrado").

In the present Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 3, 20, 24, and 41, and has canceled Claims 1-2, 6-19, 22-23, and 27-40 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application. Thus, Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 are currently pending in the application.

A. Comments Regarding 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejection

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2, 6-19, 22-23, and 27-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Privacy in an identity-based DRM system" by Conrado et al. ("Conrado"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and reserves the right to respond to the Examiner's rejection in a continuation application or other application.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-2, 6-19, 22-23, and 27-40 without prejudice or disclaimer, thus mooting this rejection of these claims.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By way of the present amendment, Claims 3, 20, 24, and 41 have been amended and rewritten independent form to include all of the limitations of Claims 1, 17, 22, and 38, their previous base claims, in accordance with the Examiner's request. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3, 20, 24, and 41 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-5 remain as previously presented and depend from amended Claim 3. In view of the patentability of amended Claim 3, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 4-5 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 21 remains as previously presented and depends from amended Claim 20. In view of the patentability of amended Claim 20, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 21 is in condition for allowance.

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Claims 25-26 remain as previously presented and depend from amended Claim 24. In view of the patentability of amended Claim 24, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 25-26 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 42 remains as previously presented and depends from amended Claim 41. In view of the patentability of amended Claim 41, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 42 is in condition for allowance.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objection to Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 and to pass Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 to allowance.

C. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection of Claims 3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 and pass Claims 4-3-5, 20-21, 24-26, and 41-42 to allowance. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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